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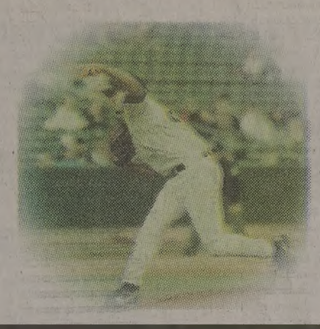

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The Salt Lake Buzz beat the Fresno Grizzlies 7-6 Tuesday night, taking sole possession of first place in their division.

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Kuhni odor ordered out

City gives plant 6 months to upgrade facilities

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ovo City Council unanimously voted to pass the ordi-e that will rid East Bay of the foul odor coming from Kuhni and Sons, Inc., animal rendering plant.

ore than 200 people gathered to hear the long-awaited Tuesday night.

ost of the debate at the meeting came from farmers, busi- owners and residents of Provo and Springville.

hni's attorney, Bruce Baird presented the concerns ni has with the original ordinance that was drafted July

his is not an ordinance that Kuhni's are thrilled with, but ni's can live with this ordinance, and they are going to s hard as they can to follow it," Baird said.

ird prefaced his remarks by saying that this is the test ordinance for rendering plants in the nation.

e ordinance will require the Kuhni plant to install a new control system, keep logs of wind direction and keep of breakdowns. The Kuhni plant will have six months grade its facility.

bert Stockwell, Provo's chief administrative officer, ained that the city's idea is not to put the Kuhni's out of business, but to create an ordinance that will be beneficial to all parties involved.

"We just want to respond to the citizens of Provo and be a representative of the people," said Mark Hathaway, the Provo Council chair.

Early on, the debate split into two sides: the agricultural industry against the large business owners and residents. The majority of farmers believed the Kuhni plant provides a valuable service for them.

"The Kuhni plant provides a vital service to the agricultural industry. We have already lost 400 dairy farms because of urban sprawl," said Doug Pearson, from the Utah Department of Agriculture.

"The agricultural industry backs them up 100 percent," he said.

Novell's Vice President David Bradford spoke on behalf of Novell's Board of Directors and was echoed by other businesses that are effected by the odor from the Kuhni plant.

"We strongly urge the Council to adopt this ordinance. However, we don't think it goes far enough and is only an important first step," Bradford said.

Shari Holweg responded to Bradford's comment by asking Novell if it intended to call each time they smelled something foul in the air.

Councilmember Gregory Hudnall said to Holweg that he hoped they did because the city needs to know when there is a problem.

Todd Sorenson, from Stevens Henager College of Business, said that one day of smelly air can affect the college.

"Our main goal is to make a good first impression. It is really tough to explain the smell to people visiting the college," Sorenson said.

"Let's just work together and get this thing solved," said Mark Doyle, a Provo resident.

Schools adopt LDS principles

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Since its opening in January, a private grade school in American Fork based on LDS principles has gained enough support to inspire a similar high school in Orem.

Teachers at Ensign K-8 are required to have a testimony of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said Roger Otis, who opened Ensign K-8 with his wife, Sue.

Those interviewing for teaching positions at the school are asked about their testimonies, their relationships with their bishops and their favorite scriptures, Otis said.

"We want teachers who are committed to the gospel," Otis said.

Scripture references and prayer are used in the classrooms. The students do hands-on activities; they make all of their own maps and learn from college-level textbooks, Roger Otis said.

Having scripture references and prayer talk alongside math and science was enough to encourage Jana Bratt to send her children to the school, even though the school is not sanctioned by the LDS Church.

"I saw wonderful things happening at K-8. One son went from a fourth-grade math level to a seventh-grade math level in half a year," Bratt said. "My daughter also grew in leaps and bounds because of the spirit in the schools."

Bratt and three others decided to open a high school because of the great progress they saw in students in the K-8 school. They wanted the students to have the opportunity of continuing to learn in the same atmosphere the students found at Ensign K-8.

All of the teachers for the high school have received college degrees. Some of the teachers are retired BYU professors, Bratt said.

A possible building has been found in Orem for Ensign High School.

The school is scheduled to open the day after Labor Day.

Ensign High School will have the same basic setup as the grade school but will have more teachers, Bratt said.

She said upon the completion of eighth grade, students will have the option of moving to Ensign High School.

ires strike throughout West

Associated Press

FER, Utah — Firefighters are g up four human-caused l wildfires that burned more 00 acres.

ur fires have contributed to a ent jump in human-caused Utah and has officials con-

e now in our fire season in the d of the state and people have al cautious with what they're said Kathy Jo Pollock, woman for the Salt Lake ncy Fire Center.

id fireworks are forbidden on nd.

gle Canyon fire burned 3,744 Monday afternoon, but about fighters working on the blaze mpletely contained by 6 p.m. . Crews plan to take extra douse the hot spots, meaning won't likely be considered d until today at 6 p.m.

ally steep ugly country and going to want make sure ng in that area that's even a active is cold to the touch," said.

re crept to within 20 feet of mes on the east side of , about 27 miles northeast of e City.

k said the fire started along a , possibly from a spark from a cigarette carelessly thrown vindow.

all grass fire near Jeremy also diverted firefighters' attention from the larger blaze. The 25-acre fire that started Sunday threatened some of the spacious million-dollar homes. Officials believe it was started by children playing with fireworks.

Box Elder County fire officials were watching a 1,900-acre fire Monday morning that began last Wednesday. Fire Marshal Greg Martz said the fire was 98 percent contained Monday.

The fire started when sparks flew off a power saw being used to cut a metal pipe on a ranch about three miles south of Portage. The fire burned mostly private property on the ranch, Martz said. Two ranch-owned pickup trucks were lost in the fire.

At one point, the fire threatened two Portage homes that were evacuated, but Martz said firefighters were able to save the buildings.

Firefighters contained the 1,094-acre Long Ridge Fire in west Utah County by 7 p.m. Monday and expect control by 6 p.m. today, said Loyal Clark, Uinta National Forest spokeswoman.

About 100 firefighters were working the fire and a helicopter was making water drops and transporting crews.

Forty of the firefighters were flown by helicopter Monday to the ridge to established a firebreak. They encircled the last 40 percent of the fire along its north and west flanks.

The other 60 firefighters spent Monday "coldtrailing," walking the burned areas and dousing hot spots.

Eight cabins in West Canyon were saved when crews stopped the flames three miles from the summer homes. Crews also saved two nearby wheat fields.

The Long Ridge fire was blamed on a campfire that was not completely extinguished and spread into dry brush.

Montana, California blazes spread

Associated Press

MUSSELSHELL, Mont. — Forecasts of rising winds, higher temperatures and lower humidity spelled trouble for firefighters battling a 33,000-acre fire threatening a ranching community in central Montana.

Wildfires also burned in California and several other Western states.

In Montana, fire information officer Mary Lunsford said residents of Musselshell, population 50, have been put on alert in case shifting winds fan the flames.

About 300 firefighters have fought the blazes, which were sparked by lightning Saturday night. By Monday, fires had scorched 33,000 acres and were within a mile of the town.

Officials said containment might be possible by Friday.

Ranchers in some areas spent much of Monday moving livestock to safer areas.

There have been no injuries and little property damage.

Lunsford said one small residence outside of town with several outbuildings and a garage burned over the weekend.

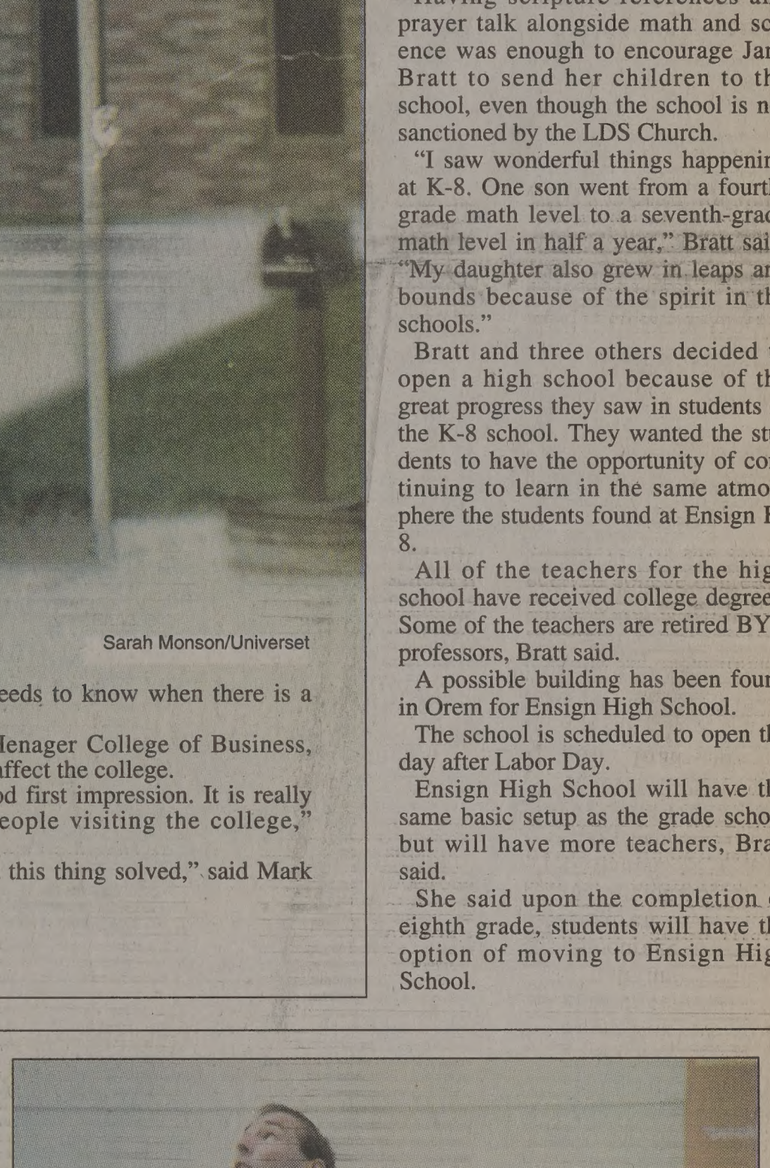
In California, firefighters appeared to gain the upper hand on wildfires in San Bernardino and Ventura counties, while declaring a third one in remote Santa Barbara County contained.

The San Bernardino fire, which started at 1 p.m. Sunday, burned almost 4,000 acres near Cajon Pass before weather problems subsided Monday.

Forestry officials predicted it would soon be under control if the weather continued to cooperate.

The Santa Barbara fire, skirting the Los Padres National Forest west of New Cuyama,was the longest and largest of the three. It raged for nine days and burned 14,537 acres before firefighters encircled it Monday evening, said Charlie Johnson, spokesperson for the Santa Barbara County Fire Department.

The most recent fire broke our Monday afternoon near Simi Valley. By early evening, it had burned 240 acres.



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Going up?

A construction worker rides a cherry picker to the top of the ceiling of the terrace in the Wilkinson Student Center on Tuesday. Acoustic panels are being placed in the terrace in order to control noise levels during musical performance.

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Rioting brings death in Indonesia

AMBON, Indonesia — At least 14 people were killed and one was missing uesday as rampaging mobs clashed and set fire to dozens of buildings in ndonesia's eastern Maluku province, officials and witnesses said.

Riot police fired warning shots into the air but failed to disperse hundreds of ooters as well as gangs armed with rocks, machetes, lances, arrows and gasone bombs. Officers were later seen firing directly into the crowds.

On Monday, four people died in rioting between rival Muslim and Christian angs in a town near Ambon, the provincial capital of Maluku, said Lt. Col. ufron, the local chief of police.

Tuesday, the violence spread to Ambon itself. Police and witnesses said hunreds of people looted and burned shops.

Paing Suryaman, a hospital official, said the bodies of nine Muslims killed in he violence were brought to the morgue. He said 32 people injured in the vioence were hospitalized.

At least five Christians also were killed in Tuesday's rioting, according to itnesses.

Yeltsin in hospital twice in a week

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin interrupted his vacation Monday to go o the hospital — the second such visit in a week. A spokesperson referred to he visits as "medical checkups."

The reason for Yeltsin's trip to the Central Clinic Hospital was not known, ut press secretary Dmitry Yakushkin said it was "quite natural that the presient is trying to use his vacation time for medical checkups."

Yeltsin, who has been on vacation for about two weeks, also went to the hosital on July 20 for a scheduled examination.

Yakushkin also said Yeltsin, who has been on vacation for about two weeks, planning to conduct a number of "working meetings" Tuesday. He did not y where or with whom.

Yeltsin, 68, has had a number of health problems in recent years, including eart bypass surgery in 1996 and bouts of pneumonia and respiratory infecons since then. He has also suffered from a recurring ulcer in the past year.

Crayola announces renamed color

PHILADELPHIA — Indian Red is out. Chestnut is in.

After sifting through more than 250,000 suggested names, Crayola has named its reddish-brown crayon to avoid misunderstandings over the color's rigin.

The color Indian Red, which Crayola said was based on a reddish-brown pigent commonly found near India, was dropped because teachers complained udents thought it described the skin color of American Indians.

The new name will appear on 15 million crayons each year beginning in Sepmber. It is only the third time in the company's 96-year history that a color as been changed.

Nearly 100,000 people from age 3 to 90 submitted names, including 155 peole who suggested chestnut. Other popular suggestions included red clay, clay d and Mars red.

Local pranksters play stinky tricks

Pranksters seem to be branching out from the typical acts of doorbell ditching nd toilet papering into more crude displays of jokes.

Orem police have been occupied this summer with what Lt. Doug Edwards lls "the old burning-paper-bag-full-of-manure-on-the-doorstep prank."

The prank is just as Edwards described it. Pranksters fill a paper bag with anure, light the bag on fire and leave it burning on a victim's doorstep. More an a dozen incidents of this prank have been reported in the past few months, dwards said.

"People need to be aware that if they stomp on that burning sack, they will nd up with another unexpected mess," Edwards said.

Police ask victims of pranks not to take matters into their own hands, but to rn these incidents over to them.

"Please resist the urge to do to the little pranksters what you just did to the aper sack; (instead) turn them in to the police. We prefer to make them living xamples of court punishment," Edwards said.

Weather

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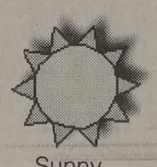
High	95	as of		
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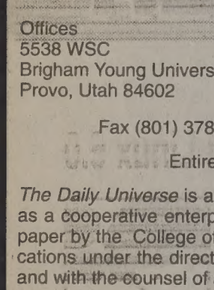
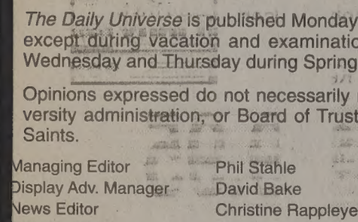


"And no one can assist in this work except he shall be humble and full of love, having faith, hope, and charity, being temperate in all things, whatsoever shall be entrusted to his care."

— *D&C 12:8*



Rebecca Spendlove, 19, a junior from Ventura, Calif., likes this scripture because "it lists the qualities we need to have if we are going to play any role in building up the kingdom of God on Earth."

Mideast leaders seek peac

U.S. pushes Israel, Syria toward peace

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton is urging Syrian President Hafez Assad to "seize the moment of opportunity" and negotiate peace terms with Israel and its new prime minister, Ehud Barak.

In a letter sent over the weekend, Clinton told Assad he was confident that Barak was primed to hold talks after a three-year stalemate. Clinton also invited Assad to stay in touch with him.

Clinton told the Syrian leader, "This is a moment of opportunity to be taken advantage of," said a U.S. official, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Clinton also gave Assad an account of the talks held in the U.S. over four days with Barak, who already is preparing the Israeli people for what he is calling "painful compromises."

Syria's price for peace is recovery of the Golan Heights, an area Israel won in the 1967 Mideast war, depriving Syria of the high ground around Mount Hermon, overlooking northeastern Israel.

Syria failed to recover the enclave in the 1973 Mideast war, losing more territory that Israel surrendered in 1974 after U.S. diplomatic intervention. In 1981, Israel annexed the remaining area. Some 11,500 Jewish settlers are living on the Golan, which has been integrated into Israel's economy.

Barak, as an Israeli military chief of staff, called for holding onto the buffer zone in the interest of Israeli security. But he subsequently became foreign minister in a Labor government that was willing to give up the territory for the right peace terms.

Clinton is urging Israel to find its security in land-for-peace accords in which Israel would yield territory to Syria and the Palestinians and withdraw security forces from inside Lebanon's southern border.

Syria is listed by the State Department as a sponsor of terrorism, and by law cannot receive U.S. military and economic assistance. There are controls on exports of materials that could have military application, and tax incentives are not given to U.S. businesses that invest in listed countries.

Peacemaking with Israel can be lucrative. Egypt and Jordan have been rewarded with U.S. aid for making peace with Israel, while Barak was promised a boost in U.S. military aid during his talks here.

If Syria is removed from the list it could become eligible for help, as well.

Arafat, Barak try to restore trust, rework peace acc

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The time has come for Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to get down to business.

In their first working meeting Tuesday at the Erez crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip, the two leaders are not only tackling the fate of the Wye River peace agreement but also setting the tone for their future relationship.

Arafat expects Barak to give him a detailed timetable for two Israeli troop pullbacks in the West Bank and the release of hundreds of Palestinian security prisoners, saying this is the minimum Israel must deliver to restore the trust eroded during three years of rule by Barak's hard-line predecessor, Benjamin Netanyahu.

Barak hopes to persuade Arafat to forgo the second Wye pullback.

The Israeli prime minister, a former armed-forces chief of staff, wants to avoid any withdrawal that would turn a number of Jewish settlements into isolated enclaves surrounded by Palestinian-controlled areas.

Barak argues that such settlements could become targets for attack by Palestinian militants. He has warned in the past that terrorist attacks would stop the peace talks and is trying to make Arafat see that it is also in the Palestinians' interest to avoid creating such flashpoints.

Barak is also reluctant to give back land now in the eastern part of the West Bank, including the Jordan Valley and the Judean Desert. Under the security doctrine held for years by his Labor Party, the Jordan Valley should always remain under Israeli control as a first line of defense against a surprise Arab attack.

In exchange for Arafat forgoing a second Wye pullback, Barak may offer a more appealing first withdrawal that would turn several scattered Palestinian-controlled areas into larger blocs, said Communications Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, who is close to Barak.

"He's not saying, `Let's not implement this section concerning the Judean Desert,'" Ben-Eliezer told Israeli army radio. "He is saying, `Let's give you something else instead.'"

After an initial troop pullback, Barak wants to begin negotiations on a permanent peace agreement, including the final status of the West Bank and Gaza as well as the fate of Jerusalem, the settlements and Palestinian refugees.

Opposition leader Ariel Sharon said while Israel was obligated under the Wye accord to withdraw from 13.1 percent of the West Bank, it was entirely up to the Israeli government to decide which areas to hand over.

The pullback plan to which Barak has objections was proposed by the army, said Sharon who served as foreign minister under Netanyahu and was involved in negotiating the Wye accord.

"If Mr. Barak doesn't like this map, he can draw another one," Sharon told army radio.

Barak has said he is prepared to implement the Wye agreement in full if the Palestinians insist.

> ***"He's not saying, 'Let's not implement this section concerning the Judean Desert.' He is saying, 'Let's give you something else.'"***
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> *—Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, Israeli communications minister*

The chief Palestinian negotiator, Saeb Erekat, said Tuesday Arafat would not settle for anything less then speedy and complete implementation.

Erekat said Arafat expected to hear details from Barak on how and when he would carry out troop pullbacks and release Palestinians held by Israel on charges of anti-Israeli violence. The Wye agreement also stipulates that Israel open two so-called "safe passage" routes the West Bank and Gaza Stri

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Orem crowds protests AmBank; City Council makes no decision

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After a standing-room-only crowd tried to convince the Orem City Council to deny a small bank's request to locate in their neighborhood, a majority decision could not be reached among the four councilmembers present, and everybody left shaking their heads.

The AmBank Company has purchased a large lot of residential land located at the intersection of 800 East and 800 North in Orem, planning to renovate the existing building, an old performing arts high school, as a bank.

But in order to do that, the zoning of the land must be changed from residential to professional office.

The issue of the bank rezoning has been a controversial one for many months. The Council already denied the same request on March 9, due to concerns about traffic in the closed-in neighborhood.

Since then, AmBank officials have worked with city staff and residents to address these concerns.

They presented a day-old proposal at the meeting.

"We're willing to do anything the city will allow us to do that will meet your needs," Jackson Howard, president of the bank, told residents. "I pledge to you we'll do everything it takes to make this work."

But then 12 residents spoke out for over an hour on various reasons why they do not want the bank in their neighborhood. Residents made presentations on individual traffic studies at six other banks, the bank's effect on school children, a scientific study of the sound level, and the story of one woman's husband who was incapacitated at an accident near the proposed bank site.

Three of the four councilmembers present said they did not feel the professional office zoning was the best use of the land, and that ownership does not constitute unlimited rights for the land.

"You can't do anything with your property that you want," said Councilmember Mike Thompson.

"We don't live in an anarchistic society. You have to be mindful of the neighbors."

Mayor Pro Tem Steven Heinz, however, insisted the bank is the best possible use for the land because it will never be developed residentially.

A vote was taken and, because two councilmembers were absent, a four-person majority was not reached and no approval or denial was made.

Bank officials said they will probably try the proposal again when the entire City Council is present.

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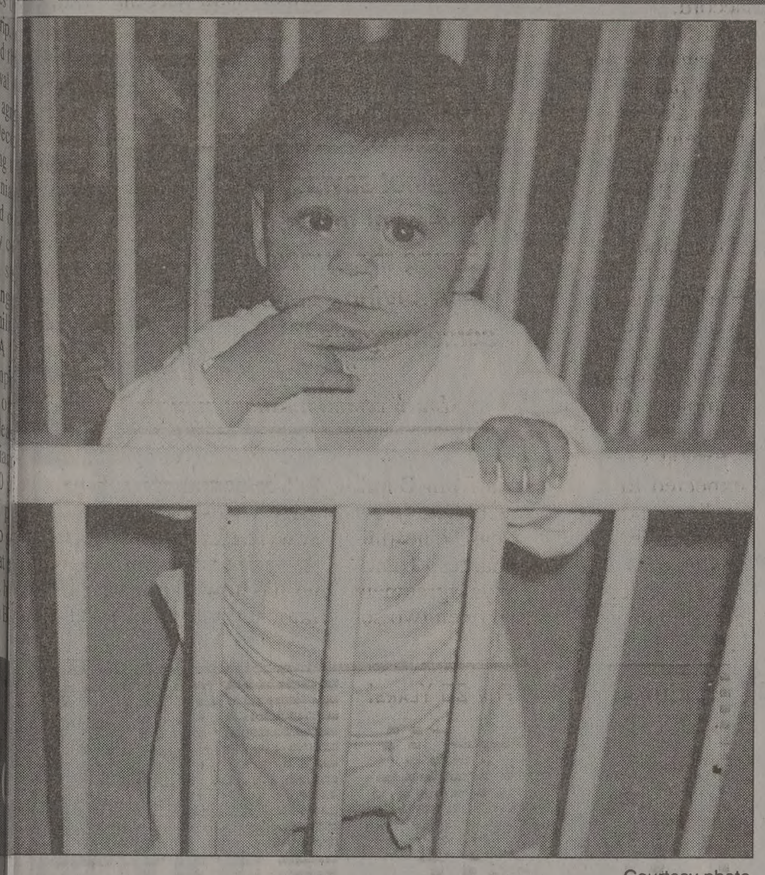

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offers a no-credit program for students to give humanitarian orphans in Romania.

Students serve Romanian orphans

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BYU students are creating and taking opportunities to serve in Romania helping orphans develop basic skills.

Diana Johnson, a student from Provo majoring in psychology, said the four months she spent serving in Romania were a great opportunity for her to apply the things she is learning in the classroom.

"I whole-heartedly support the mission statement of the university, 'Enter to learn — go forth to serve,'" Johnson said.

The Romania program Johnson participated in is not for course credit.

Johnson said that when she told her friends she was going to Romania to do humanitarian service they complimented her for not just talking about doing great things but getting out there and actually doing them.

"I am an advocate of traveling. You learn so much being out of your comfort zone," Johnson said.

Johnson and other students learned about the opportunity to visit Romania from John Seggar, a BYU professor of sociology.

Seggar initially was made aware of the opportunities in Romania by Chelsea Jensen, a BYU student who made a six-week trip to Iasi (pronounced Yosh) on her own and established contact with facilities that treat children.

What Jensen did has led to the establishment of a program on the verge of expansion, Seggar said.

"She has left a legacy," he said.

Seggar has sent 20 students in the last year to Romania to work one-on-one with children in orphanages and other facilities.

Students from a range of majors are eligible to go and spend three months helping these children develop social skills, fine motor skills, gross skills and language skills, Seggar said.

Johnson said she did not anticipate seeing a whole lot of change in the children she worked with, but said she clearly saw vast improvements in their development.

The opportunity for more students to go is increasing, Seggar said. The program has openings for more students this Winter Semester and next Spring and Summer terms. Seggar said he hopes the program will eventually become an actual study abroa

"It will be a study abroad with twist," Seggar said. "Students w spend four hours every day doi humanitarian service and other cou work the rest of the time."

One of the nice things about goi over to Romania for a semester is t it doesn't cost any more than a sem ter at BYU, Seggar said.

To be eligible to go to Romania the winter, students are required to through a prep course in the fall. meeting with more details about t program will be conducted today a p.m. in 238 HRCB.

rof. offers students hope

By HOLLY HEAP
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ul Johnston, director of the aft Benson Agriculture and nstitute, gave BYU students for the future" of people in developed countries in his speech Tuesday.

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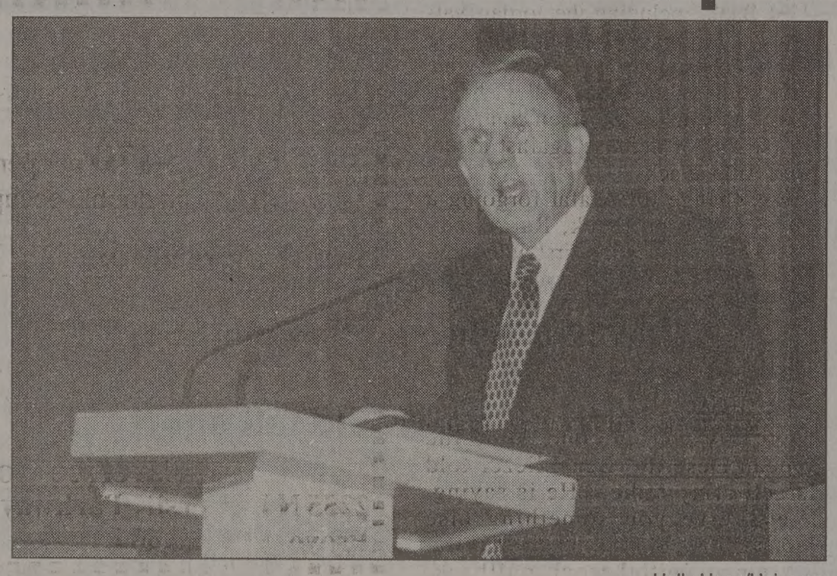

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N. Paul Johnston speaks at the Forum on Tuesday on hope for people in underdeveloped countries. Johnston is the director of the Ezra Taft Benson Agriculture and Food Institute

Johnston said that making simple changes in the diet of villagers can make a significant difference and used an example of the institute's experiment in feeding chickens Coca-cola verses milk. After six weeks, the average weight of the chicken that drank milk was 10 times the average weight of those chickens that drank Coca-cola.

He said if children would simply consume one glass of milk per day, undernourished children's protein, calcium and phosphorus levels would increase by 57 percent, 219 percent and 92 percent respectively.

to host family history conf.

By JENNIFER ROBINSON
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NewsNet Staff Writer

alogy scholars of all ages will at BYU for the 1999 annual logy and Family History Con- e on August 3-6.

year's conference will focus on ational genealogical research, test developments in World Web information and changes Church of Jesus Christ of Lat- y Saints' Family History tment.

J religious education, history tment, conferences and work- and The LDS Church's family library are the sponsors of the ence.

ference speakers include LDS y History Library employees, professors and genealogy ts, said Valiant Evans, BYU ences and workshops coordina-

s said the conference will offer iety of classes on how to rch ancestors from different of the world. Conference class- l also cover the latest technolo- available for genealogical ch.

di Howell, author of the family history Web site www.cyndislist.com, will be a keynote speaker at the conference, said Kip Sperry, director of the Genealogy and Family History Conference. He said Howell's site features more than 52,000 links in more than 100 search categories.

Sperry said other highlights of the conference will include the LDS Church's Web site, FamilySearch, and the new personal ancestral file, or PAF, for Windows 4.0.

According to the conference booklet, classes featured in the conference include European and Nordic Research and Repeats, Family History Center Operations, Genealogy Computing, Writing and Publishing, Research Methodology, United Kingdom and Ireland Research, U.S. Localities, and U.S. and Canada records.

He said genealogy classes are not ranked according to difficulty, but introductory classes will definitely be offered.

Registration for the conference will begin Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the BYU Conference Center. The four-day conference fee is $149.

BYU students have the option of taking this course to receive two credit hours of History 393R, according to the conference booklet. Students may call 378-4853 to be sent a list of course requirements. Students can also visit the conference Web site at http://coned.byu.edu/cw/cwgeneal/index.htm for more information.

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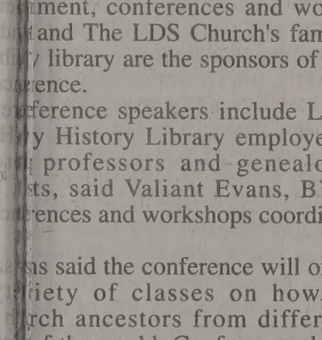

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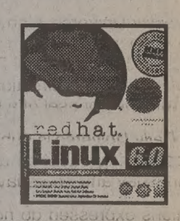

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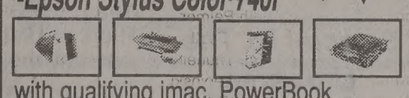

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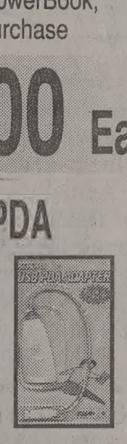

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The Universe OPINION

So where's Sydney?

Ever since last December, the Olympic spirit has burned about as bright as a $1.99 flashlight sold at a countryside gas station.

The Salt Lake Organizing Committee scandal has had a lot to do with it.

More than seven months have passed since Salt Lake City tripped up on the international media scene as the center of a bribery scandal involving the International Olympic Committee. As the details of the scandal unfolded (the most notable of which were illegally provided gifts, health care and scholarships to IOC officials and their families), so too did the negative attention focusing on Salt Lake City.

In the midst of the scandal, the integrity of both the IOC and SLOC as well as the ethics of the entire selection process were called into question on an international scale. Naturally, the Olympics as a whole was cast in a negative light.

But have we forgotten about the year 2000? With all the negativity swirling around the 2002 Winter Olympics, the question that begs to be asked is, where's Sydney in the middle of all this?

While Salt Lake has been withering under the heat of the scandal, the anticipation for the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney has also suffered. While it's something you can't put a number on, it's obvious the Olympic spirit has tempered. Compared to the buildup to previous Olympics in Atlanta and Nagano, the 2000 Summer Games have drifted into oblivion.

Yes, scandal will always grab the headlines, but perhaps we should now shift that attention back to Sydney.

Obviously, the scandal is not an issue that can be brushed away like it's a pesky mosquito. But the 2000 Summer Games are less than a year away, and — scandal or no scandal — it's time to feed some enthusiasm back into the Olympic spirit.

As both the 2000 and 2002 Olympics approach, international sports fans everywhere would do well to look past the negativity of the scandal and focus on the positive points of Olympic competition.

The Olympics is one of the last pure bastions of remotely amateur athletic competition. It is an event that, in a sense, unites the world in a common effort and provides a place where dreams can be realized and countries honored.

The memories of Olympic competition are untouchable; Jesse Owens' performance in Berlin, the U.S. hockey team's upset of the Soviet Union in 1980, Carl Lewis' dominance in track and field at the 1984 Summer Games, and so on.

Scandal cannot tarnish these moments. It's the athletes and the countries they represent that bring us these memories — not the IOC, the SLOC or any other entity.

Considering what the Olympics has meant and will continue to mean to the world, it's time to start paying a little bit more attention to Sydney — for all the right reasons.

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Viewpoint

New uniforms? Be careful

Change in look may be good, but winning is where it's at

"Rise and shout, the new uniforms are coming out!"

This is what the BYU athletic department is hoping will be sung by Cougars all over the campus.

"Oh wow," the dedicated fan should say. "A new logo and completely new uniforms. We're so lucky."

Pardon me if I don't fit into that group. Since no one knows what the uniforms will look like until they are unveiled August 16, I don't think anyone is going to get too excited.

It's like opening a present from your rich aunt; it could be something really awesome, or it could be just an expensive paperweight.

But unlike a gift, where it's the thought that counts, these new uniforms better be really cool. If they look like anything recently produced by NFL Properties (i.e. Baltimore Ravens, Tennessee Titans), then I will be very disappointed.

I've heard rumors that the new look will be a navy blue, rather than the old royal blue. Though there is no doubt that navy is more marketable than royal, be careful. The uniforms of the Cleveland Browns were hip once too, but tastes change.

If the Athletic Department really wants to make BYU more marketable, there is only one way to do that — win consistently on a national level. University of Tennessee merchandise sells, even with its obnoxious orange hue. If we had a quarterback like Peyton Manning, then kids all over the country would wear BYU jerseys no matter what color you made them.

The change will most certainly cause an uproar among BYU fans, who will certainly ask, "'Y' change?"

These fans will put their objections behind the guise of tradition. But let's not confuse ourselves with Michigan, Notre Dame or Penn State. Though we do have an admirable tradition built over the last 20 years, we are hardly a pillar in NCAA football.

If done well, the new uniforms could be a boost for us nationally. Getting rid of the "Y" helmet was well overdue. When non-sports fans outside of the Rockies saw our helmets, one word came to mind: Yale.

But some of the rumors I've heard have been a bit disturbing. Gold helmets? Please don't go there. I know that BYU fans everywhere have adopted the San Francisco 49ers as their surrogate football team, but gold helmets would be taking it a little too far.

By Adam Mangum

Special to The Universe

Some funky, new-age cougar racing across the helmet? Please don't. The last thing we need is to be even easier targets for the men and women of ESPN to mock.

Actually, my greatest fear is that President Bateman will give in to the Ute blood running through his veins and put the color red somehow in the uniform mix. Life as we know it on Planet Cougar would officially end.

Either way, if BYU's football program once again rises to where it has been, the uniform discussion will disappear. Winning cures most everything.

But if the program dives, then there is no doubt that fans will yearn for the old days, when men were men, BYU threw the football on every down (sorry guys, that never happened), and BYU's uniforms were simple, and the helmets were adorned with a "Y."

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Readers' Forum

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Consider all factors

Dear Editor:

I read with great disappointment about Professor David B. Galbraith's recent Tuesday devotional on the gathering of the Jews. I took a course on Jerusalem from Professor Galbraith a few years ago and know him to be both a fine scholar and human being. However, on this topic, he, like far too many other Latter-day Saints, fails to confront all the factors involved before reaching the sweeping conclusion that the "gathering of the Jews," which led to the State of Israel, is divinely sanctioned.

Is the murder of innocent, non-combatant men, women and children the will of God? This is what Israel's fighters did at the village of Deir Yasin near Jerusalem, Abu Shusha near Ramleh, the Galilee region and other places in 1948 (see http://www.deiryassin.org, http://www.alnakba.org, and http://www.birzeit.edu/crdps/village.html for detailed information). Extra-judicial killings by Israeli occupation forces and Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip since 1967 have yet to cease.

Is ethnic cleansing the will of God? In Kosovo, we called it evil and bombed Yugoslavia for a month until it was reversed. The Israelis, on the other hand, wiped over 400 Arab villages off the face of the earth in a well-organized ethnic cleansing campaign watched by the entire world. Those defending their homes and some of those who refused to leave were murdered as an "example" to a million others who were driven into the hellish squalor of refugee camps.

Is robbery the will of God? This is exactly what hundreds of thousands of Israeli settlers in East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza Strip continue to do today. With the protection of Israeli security forces, they uproot the olive trees and steal the land that are the livelihood of Palestinians and build settlements and roads in their stead. Palestinians are often left with no economic choice but to work constructing the very settlements that are ruining their lives. For one to look over these brutal facts (and there are many more) and come to the conclusion that it is the Lord's will in my mind makes a mockery of the kind, just and loving Heavenly Father, which we teach the world about.

While I respect Professor Galbraith personally, I would hope that he and all others who seek to understand the conflict in the Holy Land will not avoid the ugly facts before declaring it is the Lord's will. Yes, the scriptures and prophets speak of the return of the Jews in the last days, but they also speak of a "covenant," which is conditional on the Jews being a holy, just and merciful people. Until that day, we cannot become so caught up in wanting to see the fulfillment of scripture before our eyes that we ignore and even sanction evil, for the Lord has declared that "the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned" (Isaiah 14:20).

Jamal Qureshi
Jerusalem, Palestine

Missing the point

Dear Editor:

I don't own a gun, and it is likely that I never will. I happen to think they are dangerous and I would not feel comfortable having one in my house. But I am tired of the impotent political pandering that has gone on among politicians recently on the topic of gun control. And now, college students are echoing their ravings.

A front-page article on the July 21 edition of The Universe said that student representatives are lobbying to have concealed weapons banned from college campuses. Why?

As I understand it, to obtain a concealed weapons permit, a person must go through a rigorous background check and attend some kind of gun safety class. Are these the people that we want to protect ourselves from? If this law had been passed nation-wide 10 years ago, would any of the recent gun-related tragedies have been avoided? Is there even one life that would have been saved? The article said that in the last three years there were 40 arrests on the U of U campus for gun possession. Were any of these people concealed gun permit carriers? There is a serious gun control problem in this country that needs to be addressed by citizens and government officials alike. But holding an emergency session of the Utah legislature to ban law-abiding citizens from responsibly carrying a concealed weapon around on school campuses misses the issue completely. In fact, it may make it worse. Now, instead of addressing the real problem, one that would be difficult to face and would surely anger many constituents regardless of the outcome, the Utah legislature — with the backing of petition-wielding student representatives — will be able to pat themselves on the back for all the good that they have done for the country.

Ryan Hamilton
Mesa, Ariz.

Law would fall short

Dear Editor:

In response to the July 21 article on gun control in The Universe, I was left wondering what the real point of any legislation might be. In the state of Utah, a person must be 18 years old to purchase a rifle, 21 to purchase a handgun, and (again) 21 to have a concealed weapons permit. The article failed to mention what number out of the apparent "40 arrests for gun possession on the U of U campus in the past three years" were accompanied with a concealed weapons permit in the first place. My guess is that it wasn't very many. If a sizeable portion of these arrests were made on students who were both of age and carrying a concealed weapons permit, I might understand the legitimacy of further legislation concerning the matter. But as it stands, what are more laws going to do to protect me from those persons who aren't abiding existing laws? University of Utah student body president, Ben McAdams, called for "all institutions of higher education to support [gun ban legislation] ... and to voice their concern that we have the right to our safety and a right to our freedom." Personally, I don't see how more laws are going to save me from the lawless.

John J. Wanberg
Salt Lake City

Bad reasoning

Dear Editor:

I understand that the PTA (in unison with other organizations) is circulating a petition to ban guns from schools, churches and hospitals. I would be happy to sign that petition and to encourage others to do so if I felt it could achieve its intended purpose, but I question whether supporters of such a ban have given enough thought to the consequences of implementing it. Perhaps they have, but I'm not seeing much evidence of it in the current news reports. Has the PTA considered how a permit holder could go about complying with the ban without the risk of creating a larger problem?

What would the PTA prefer to have legal carriers of concealed firearms do if during the course of their daily activities they should have need to visit a school, church or hospital? The only answer I am seeing is that they should leave their guns behind. That sounds good on the surface, but just where is behind? At home? At work? In the holder's car? At a local police station? With any of these options, the permit holder would not only be greatly inconvenienced but would also essentially be prohibited from carrying the gun anywhere in the process of going to and coming from the restricted areas.

Could an unarmed woman who was attacked in a school, church or hospital parking lot, for example, bring legal action against the institution involved on the grounds that she was denied reasonable opportunity to defend herself?

Before I can sign such a petition, I need to see evidence that the PTA has thought through the possible and probable consequences of its proposed ban much more carefully

Marion K. Smith
Springville

It's all about safe

Dear Editor:

In The Universe's July 20 "Weapons debate continues in Utah surprised and appalled to learn that lawmakers were hesitant to pass le that would prohibit concealed weap being carried into school. Their argu refusing to pass such a measure was hibiting concealed weapons from "unfairly punishes law abiding c What use is a "law-abiding" citizen find for a concealed weapon in school? Control a classroom full c seventh graders? By prohibiting c weapons in school, we are not infring citizen's rights. We are simply ma schools a safer place by procuring a that weapons of any kind are not tol school campuses. To those "law-abi zens" who "submit to the training ar work required to get a concealed v congratulations. But the next time y into a public school, please leave you at the door.

Courtney Dougall
Provo

Can't have it all

Dear Editor:

I was dumbfounded as I read the The Universe (July 20) about female students at BYU. I understand th women never have the opportunity t their lives to a family and agree t should vigorously pursue other endeavors. However the co-president Women in Medicine Group are throughout the article with comme seem aimed at urging women to p career even if they have a family. Th cize the idea that being a career detracts from family and church.

I can testify from experience that working mother only results in a n performance in all aspects of life. lucky that my husband's Spring Term allowed him to be home with our ne while I returned to work because we the income. Better yet, I had a suppor understanding boss. Even so, whil working, my relationship with my h my ability and loyalty as an employee bond with my new child all suffered.

A demanding education and career icine can only prove more difficul defeats the assertion that a woman wh 9+ hours a day away from her family an adequate mother. I was stunned w son was born to realize how much t effort caring for just one child take feedings, eight diapers, one bath, fi time lullabies, one leaky-diaper-induce ing change, preserving memories, books: It's a 24-hour a day job to ten physical, mental, emotional and socia opment of a child. As a responsible ad decided to have a baby, how can I conscience relinquish motherly du influence to a daycare worker, while my ego? Add future swim lessons class, soccer practice, etc. Do the ma It just doesn't work.

Women are wonderful. We can do good in the world in many capacities matter of being true to the divine role in the Plan of Salvation. I am sadd know that the counsel and inspiratio Lord's faithful servants are being ove in favor of the modern, worldly vi women can and should "have it all." takes sacrifice and a selfless attitude full-time mother, but isn't that the ulti following the Savior?

Lara Preece
Provo

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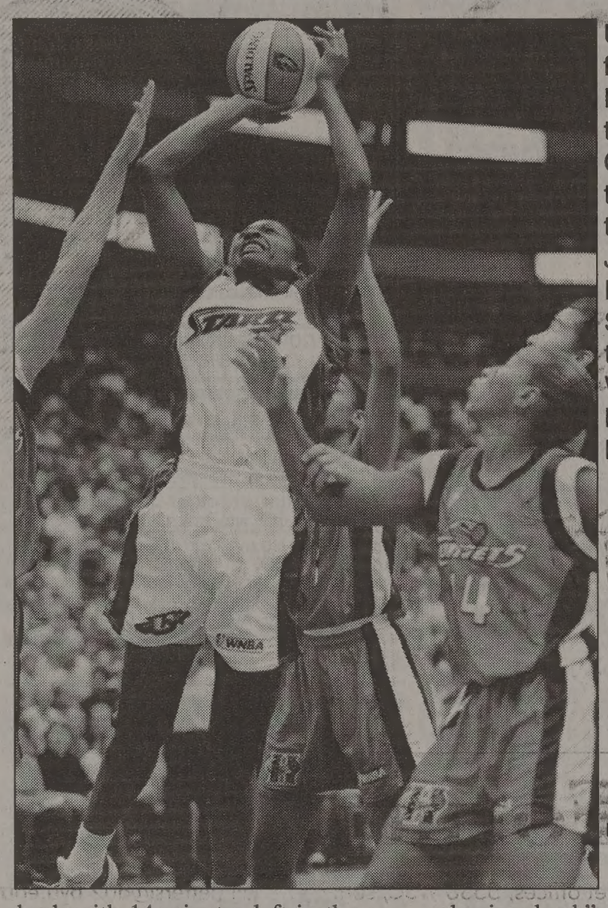

Utah Starzz forward Wendy Palmer eludes three Houston Comets defenders to take a shot in the teams' game June 30 in the Delta Center. The Starzz defeated the visiting Washington Mystics, 73-61, Monday night.

Dan Lund/Universe

"I went up to shoot and I landed and felt it pop," Williams said. "We don't get any time to rest and there's not days off — that's hard. But that's what's bad when we have back-to-back games."

Williams has been a focus for opponent's defenses, being repeatedly triple-teamed inside and under the basket. Despite the pressure, Williams has scored eight double-doubles this season. She said she doesn't mind the pressure as long as the team can adjust to it.

"We just have to utilize our offense to where we can get me and everyone else involved," she said. "There is a way to relieve the pressure and I think we're definitely doing a better job of finding it."

Adrienne Goodson, who had 15 points, four rebounds and two assists, said she's optimistic that the Starzz can continue to win.

"We want to win and it's tough going on the road and getting three losses in a row. But we've been playing through a lot of adversity this year and hopefully the Starzz will line up and we'll start getting some wins.

The Starzz are on the road again playing Phoenix and Los Angeles before returning to the Delta Center Saturday to play Sacramento.

MWC comish gets NCAA job

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The commissioner of the new Mountain West Conference, of which BYU is a part, has been appointed chairman of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Craig Thompson, who has been a member of that committee since June 1995, will take over as its chairman this fall and serve through the 1999-2000 academic year.

"I'm very honored," Thompson said. "I think the fact that my peers, being the other members of the basketball committee, deemed me worthy of this appointment is probably the most pleasing aspect."

For the past four years, Thompson has gathered with those peers every spring to select and bracket the field of 64 for the men's NCAA basketball tournament, commonly known as March Madness. Thompson is now the main overseer of the madness, which as committee head, is his primary responsibility.

Next March, after the tournament selections have been made, Thompson will be thrust before the media to justify the committee's picks. But when that time comes, Thompson will know what he's known all along as a committee member.

"I'll know going in that absolutely we did the best job possible as a committee," he said. "Knowing the voluminous information that's available to each committee member, knowing the time and effort that each committee member puts into the selection process, I'll know with good conscience that we picked the best 34 at large teams available."

Thompson has a full plate this coming year. Along with the NCAA basketball tournament, he will be in charge of kicking off the inaugural season of the brand new Mountain West Conference. But Thompson doesn't anticipate a problem. In fact, he believes that the one will supplement the other.

Thompson said name recognition is one of the big issues of the new conference. He said through his responsibilities with the basketball tournament, his name and title will be mentioned with the Mountain West Conference. He said this increased exposure will be positive for the conference.

James Marchiony, media director of the Division I Men's Basketball Championship, is confident Thompson will be up to the challenge of handling both jobs at once.

"Usually the best people, the more work you give them, the better they are at juggling," Marchiony said. "Much like a student-athlete, a lot of student-athletes have better GPAs during their season than when they're off-season. That's because people who are accomplished know how to juggle different things and Craig is no different and I'm sure he'll do a great job."

The Division I Men's Basketball Committee is made up of athletic directors and conference commissioners from across the nation. Before being named commissioner of the Mountain West Conference, Thompson had been commissioner of the Sun Belt and American South Conferences. Thompson will replace C.M. Newton, athletic director of the University of Kentucky, on September 1.

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Net Sports Writer

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Buzz stop losses, lead division

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Sometimes it takes a little luck to break a losing streak, and the Salt Lake Buzz got just enough to snap a five-game skid by defeating the Fresno Grizzlies 7-6 Tuesday night in the opener of a four-game series.

The Buzz earned the win with four runs in the seventh inning. A crucial hit was a two-run, two-out single by catcher A.J. Pierzynski that hopped over the head of Grizzlies second baseman Travis Young. Salt Lake sent 10 men to the plate in that inning to erase a three-run deficit.

"That was a big hit right there — we caught a break and we hadn't had one of those in a while," said Salt Lake Manager Phil Roof. "If you keep playing hard and playing aggressive, those things are going to happen."

The home win moves the Buzz alone into first place in their division.

Fresno took a 6-3 lead in the top half of the seventh with four runs, including a three-run blast by designated hitter Armando Rios. But Grizz reliever Ben Weber was unable to hold the lead, giving up a walk and five hits, all singles, to help the Buzz break their season-high losing streak.

"They were looking to sink us with that home run but we came right back and didn't let it bother us," Roof said. "It's just nature that we're not going to be hot all the time — we're not the '98 Yankees."

Buzz closer Tony Fiore recorded his team-leading 10th save of the season by pitching a 1-2-3 ninth, with two strikeouts. Gus Gandarillas got the victory in relief despite giving up four runs and five hits in just two innings.

It was a game of missed opportunities. Fresno jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning, but Salt Lake escaped further damage when right fielder Kenny Woods grounded out to end the inning, leaving two Fresno runners on base.

Salt Lake took the lead with three unearned runs in the third. Shortstop Mike Moriarty led off with a double and scored on a Fresno throwing error. The Buzz had a chance to add to that lead in the fourth, loading the bases with just one out, but hit into a double play.

"We didn't give our big guy Ortiz a chance to drive in runs tonight," Roof said. "We're battling for the title and ... the games you win now are the games you don't have to win in September."

Gary Rath started for the Buzz and pitched six strong innings, allowing two runs on six hits, and striking out five. The Buzz are 6-2 in the season series with Fresno and have won the last four.

Salt Lake will send Jason Ryan (2-2 2.88 ERA) to the hill tonight against Fresno starter Ryan Jensen (8-7, 4.87), who graduated from Cottonwood High School in Salt Lake City.

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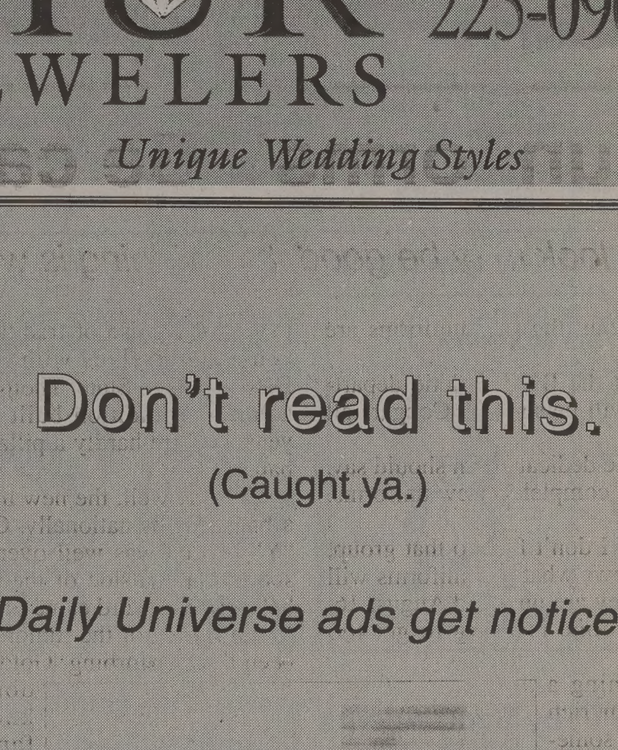

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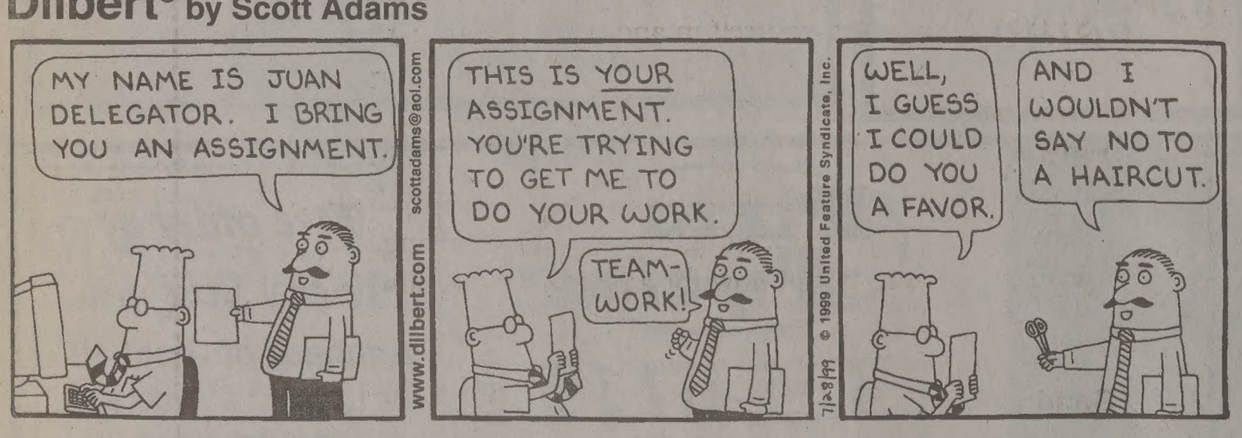
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"Along with suspicions regarding its nuclear weapons development, North Korea's missile development concerns not just Asia, but the international community as a whole," the defense report said. Japan should continue to pursue development of a missile defense system with the help of the United States, the report said.

In Washington, Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. Craig Quigley confirmed Tuesday that the United States was discussing the possibility of providing Japan with such technology.

Recent intelligence reports show North Korea might be preparing to test launch another missile — one that could possibly reach the U.S. mainland.

On the possibility of a test launch by North Korea, Quigley repeated the long-standing U.S. position: "It would not be helpful ... it would be very destabilizing to that region, and we're hopeful that they will not do that."

After the missile launch, tensions between the two countries remained high. In March, Japanese patrol boats and naval destroyers pursued two suspected North Korean spy ships off the nation's western coast. The Japanese vessels fired warning shots at the ships in the first such action since World War II. Tensions further accelerated in the Korean Peninsula on June 15, when South Korea sunk a North Korean torpedo boat, killing about 30 sailors, during a clash on the Yellow Sea.

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Analysts said the defense report, which this year had a special chapter on the North Korean missile threat, underlines Japan's shifting stance on security.

"The paper seems designed to generate a belief in the public that Japan needs more arms and more training," said Naoaki Usui, a writer and defense expert. "It's a warning to North Korea not to do anything funny."

The Mainichi newspaper said the report marked a clear shift in emphasis away from peacekeeping and disaster relief. The liberal Asahi newspaper criticized the report as using the missile threat to justify a major change in defense policy.

The rising friction between Japan and its Asian neighbors was a major issue in this year's report, Defense Agency Deputy Director General Nobumasa Ota told reporters.

Ota stopped short of saying Japan sees itself as being under military threat. However, "militarily speaking, North Korea is attracting our utmost attention right now," he said.

The defense report outlined Japan's intentions to acquire more advanced weaponry, such as air-to-air refueling tankers, and to boost its information-gathering abilities through a satellite system.

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Albright also issued a joint statement Tuesday with the foreign ministers of South Korea and Japan, warning North Korea of "serious negative consequences" if it goes forward with an expected test of a long-range missile.

"Our nations are united in urging (North Korea) to respond positively to the opportunity that now exists for it to improve its relations with the international community," Albright said. She said she hopes North Korea "is listening to messages that are being delivered loud and clear."

Japanese Foreign Minister Masahiko Komura said there would be "clear benefits" to North Korea in demonstrating restraint. Otherwise, he said, "in regards to the flow of people, goods and money, we might consider taking some actions."

China, which is North Korea's ally, went along with a statement issued Monday by the ASEAN forum saying the missile test would have a serious impact on stability in Asia.

North Korea fired a three-stage missile over Japan last August and is widely believed to be planning to test a more advanced version soon, perhaps within the month. The newest North Korean missile could reach Japan, Hawaii and parts of Alaska.

In meetings Tuesday between ASEAN and its 10 key foreign partners, several foreign ministers urged Asian countries to resist the temptation to ease up on tough economic reforms now that the region is beginning to recover from its financial crisis.

China, U.S. to talk trade

Associated Press

BEIJING — China agreed Tuesday to new commercial talks with the United States but it is still not offering to resume negotiations with Washington on joining the World Trade Organization, a U.S. envoy said.

The agreement reflected a further easing of China's acrimony over the NATO bombing of its embassy in Yugoslavia on May 7. In anger over the attack, which killed three Chinese, Beijing suspended talks with Washington on human rights, security issues and its WTO bid.

Deputy Secretary of Commerce David Aaron met Tuesday with Chinese Foreign Trade Minister Shi Guangsheng and other Chinese officials to work on bringing the two countries back to the table on their trade issues.

In the talks, Shi agreed to co-chair with U.S. Commerce Secretary William Daley a meeting of a joint commercial forum later this year in Beijing, Aaron said. An exact date was not set.

The agreement "puts our commercial discussions firmly back on track," Aaron told reporters.

The forum, called the Joint Committee on Commerce and Trade, will include working groups to meet on information technology, aviation, environmental technology and other areas, he said.

Aaron said he did not discuss China's bid to join the WTO in depth. He repeated the U.S. offer to restart the talks any time, but the Chinese officials did not disclose any timetable, he said.

Aaron said his meetings were cordial and constructive, and that his Chinese hosts stressed the importance of China-U.S. economic ties.

China has set a year-end deadline for joining the WTO, which sets rules for world trade. Earlier Tuesday, Aaron said the goal was "by no means impossible."

Before the bombing in Belgrade the two sides had made progress on U.S. demands that China open up its markets.

There have been delays in implementing earlier agreements, Aaron said. He pointed to deals on long sought-after licenses for two U.S. insurance firms and on investment in digital phone technology called CDMA, or Code Division Multiple Access networks.

Aaron's visit follows talks over the weekend between Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan in Singapore. Last week, Assistant Secretary of State Stanley Roth was in China to discuss Taiwan and prepare for the Singapore meeting.

The new agreement on commercial talks came amid signs that China's trade surplus with the United States is worsening due to an economic slowdown that has cut demand for U.S. imports.

Last year, China posted a $57 billion trade surplus with the United States, second only to Japan's $64 billion surplus.

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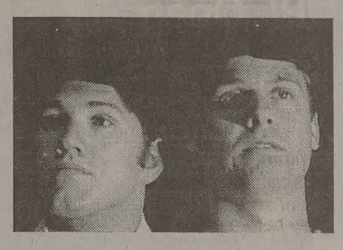

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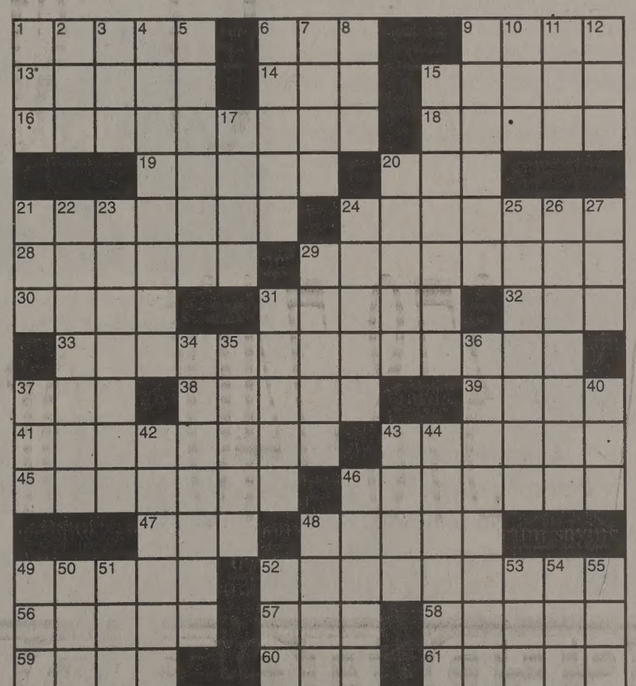

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30 Business salutation
31 Up ___ (stuck)
32 H.S. requirement
33 Source of 16- and 52-Across?
37 She has a day in May
38 Those opposed
39 Take on
41 Tariff payer
43 Not let go wild
45 In demand
46 Treasured figurines
47 Small, in Dogpatch
48 Colonial term of address
49 Eighth man to walk on the moon
52 60-minute drink?
56 1954 Bogart role
57 Bit in a horse's mouth
58 U.S. Grant adversary
59 Road extension
60 One of the Clantons
61 Colchester's county

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1 Bedwear, informally
2 Bemoan
3 Multi-vol. set
4 True grit
5 Smooth, as wood
6 Bit of old gold
7 Work of art
8 Goose egg
9 Code word for "S"
10 Brownie
11 1999 Pulitzer Prize-winning drama
12 Vote by 38-Across
15 "Baywatch" actor David
17 Retreats
20 Prefix with -lithic
21 They prosecute perps
22 Embodiment
23 Midgets
24 Wire cutters?
25 Sweet lady of song
26 Regan's poisoner
27 Fraction of a joule
29 Way up
31 Put in a chip
34 Stud, e.g.
35 Silicon Valley name
36 Sewer protectors
37 U.S.N.A. student
40 U.S.N.A. grad
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44 Nabokov, e.g.
46 ___ couture
48 Steep
49 Mensa data
50 Same old grind
51 Minute
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53 Franken and Gore
54 "What did I tell you?"
55 Perennial talk show topic

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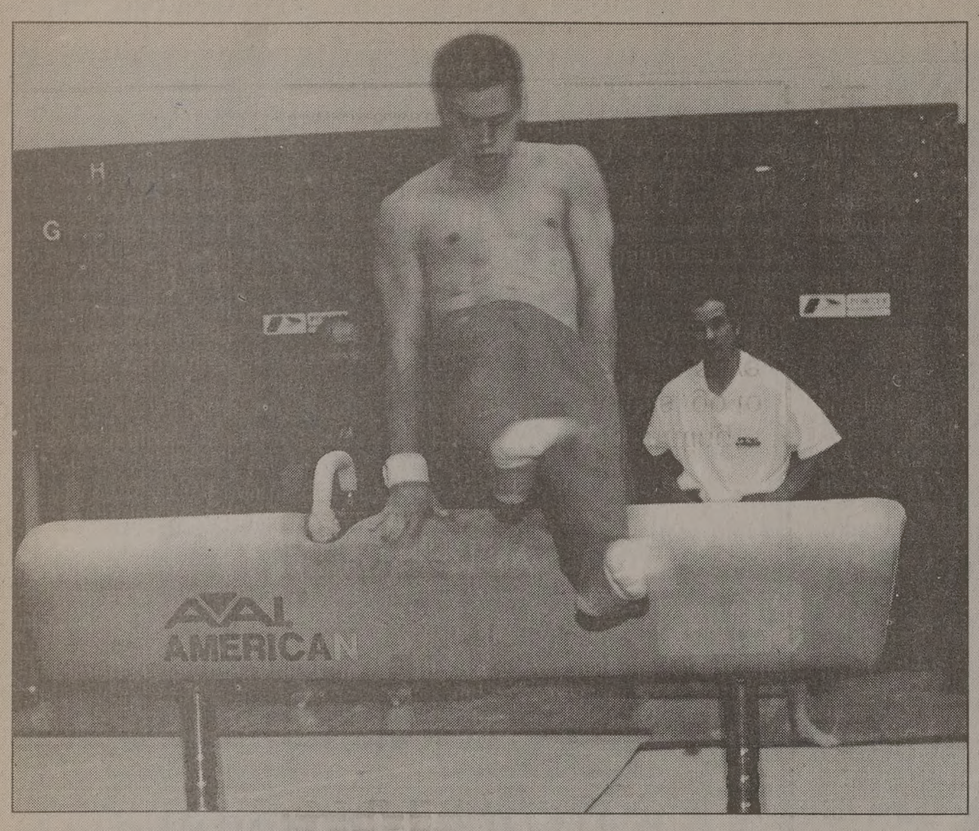

No horsin' around

Coaches watch as Guard Young, BYU gymnast, practices at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., on June 30. Young is on the U.S. national team and is trying out for the Olympic team for the 2000 games in Australia.

Michael Brandy/ Universe

18 tourists die in Swiss ri

Associated Press

BOENIGEN, Switzerland (AP) — A flash flood apparently trapped adventurers in a mountain stream Tuesday in the Swiss Alps, killing 18 people, Bern state police said.

Six people were injured, including one critically.

At least one person was still missing and feared dead following the accident, which was discovered around 6 p.m. when bodies started floating into Lake Brienz near the picturesque central resort town of Interlaken.

"I saw huge pieces of wood in the water," Andreas Haesler, a local jogger, told Swiss television.

"Then I saw bodies — one on its stomach, one on its back. They were all wearing life jackets but it was clear they were dead."

The accident is believed to be the worst ever for the sport of canyoning, in which participants slide, jump or rappel down waterfalls and mountain streams into gorges without rafts.

Swiss news media speculated that the victims included foreigners because the Swiss-based organizer, Adventure World, attracted mainly young Americans and Japanese.

Swiss officials refused to disclose identities because relatives had not been notified. Georg Hoedle, a manager with Adventure World, the Swiss-based organizer, choked back tears at a press conference.

"It's awful," he said. "We've been organizing canyoning for six years and until now have only had the occasional broken leg."

Canyoning is an increasingly popular sport.

Participants wear wetsuits and helmets and must be able to swim and climb well.

The victims were apparently among 44 tourists and eight guides who had been plunging down waterfalls and rapids on t brook.

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EPA revises pollution index

Policy of disclosure aims to improve national air quality

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NewsNet Staff Writer

A new way of measuring air quality released by the Environmental Protection Agency on Saturday may bring some changes to Utah's own air pollution index.

The new air quality index created by the EPA, formerly known as the Pollutant Standards Index, is aimed at providing a uniform nationwide format that weather forecasters can use to relay information about when air pollution poses a health risk and what precautions people can take.

"People in sensitive groups depend on this information," said Susan Stone, an environmental health scientist for the EPA. "The new air quality index will provide the same accurate, consistent information from Salt Lake City to Boston."

The revised index requires all metropolitan statistical areas with populations greater than 350,000 to report the air quality daily to the population. Previously, urbanized areas with populations greater than 200,000 were required to report the air quality daily.

Each day the Utah Division of Air Quality reports air quality standards to Utah County, Salt Lake County, Davis County and Weber County, said Bob Dalley, manager of the air monitoring section with the Utah Division of Air Quality.

"We are already communicating daily air qualities to a larger portion of the public than required by law," Dalley said.

Utah has 11 stations throughout the Wasatch Front reporting the daily air quality index, Dalley said.

"Many people want to know what the air pollution is right now. Yesterday's air values do not help people with sensitive health issues," Dalley said. "We try to be responsive to public needs by forecasting air pollution."

The Utah Division of Air Quality receives several hundred calls each day from exercisers to individuals with sensitive health conditions, Dalley said.

The index looks at five major air pollutants: smog, soot, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and nitrogen dioxide, Stone said.

Children and adults with respiratory problems are now specifically targeted through the new index by means of a new "unhealthy for sensitive groups" category.

"We want to send pollutant-specific messages to children, the elderly and individuals with lung disease and heart disease," Stone said.

The deputy director of the Utah County Health Department, Ralph Clegg, is waiting for word from the state to begin implementing the new air quality index in Utah County.

"Until we hear it from the state, we really won't know," Clegg said. "Saturday's announcement was the first I had heard about the new air quality index."

The state of Utah is waiting for the EPA to register the revised air index quality before it begins implementing the new standards.

"We are waiting for the EPA to register the index with the federal register," Dalley said. "It will probably take 30 to 60 days before it becomes final."

For now, the state will continue to provide Wasatch Front residents with accurate air information, Dalley said.

'Staircase' plan includes zoning

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A management plan carves the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument into four zones, each with its own rules: frontcountry, passage, outback and primitive.

The plan released Monday by the Bureau of Land Management is subject to a 30-day "protest" period. It's a step toward development of visitor centers, trails, primitive campsites and nature kiosks for the sprawling monument created single-handedly by President Clinton almost three years ago.

The report emphasizes protection for the nearly 2 million acres of federal land in south-central Utah. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is expected to sign a final plan by October.

The monument, straddling the Paria and Escalante rivers, puts nearly 270 million years of geologic history on display in a showcase of slot canyons, arches and natural bridges. Prehistoric Anasazi and Fremount sites abound.

"The reason this land qualified as a monument is because it was never heavily developed and we want to keep it that way," said Jerry Meredith, the BLM manager for the monument.

The primitive zone was proposed as the most restrictive and largest zone with 1.2 million acres of land to be kept mostly as wilderness with no motorized vehicles or bicycles allowed.

Permits would be required for overnight trips inside the primitive zone. No campfires would be allowed in Escalante and Paria canyons, on No Man's Mesa or in other sensitive sites as they are identified.

The plan leaves to later BLM decisions how to treat grazing permits and whether to designate more wilderness study areas in the monument.

The BLM made only minor, technical changes since releasing a draft management plan last November. The rules were written by 15 archaeologists, paleontologists, biologists, economists and recreation professionals.

"We don't plan any commercial development or campgrounds anywhere inside the monument," Meredith said. "We want to keep the monument a frontier. We are not going to build big, fancy campgrounds with toilets and water and picnic tables."

BLM officials gathered comment from special interest groups, businesses and 6,800 letters and messages. Hearings were held in Utah, Colorado, California, Arizona, New Mexico and Washington D.C.

Frontcountry zones — 78,056 acres along Utah Highways 12 and 89 — would offer primitive campgrounds, pullouts, gravel parking lots, picnic sites and some restrooms.

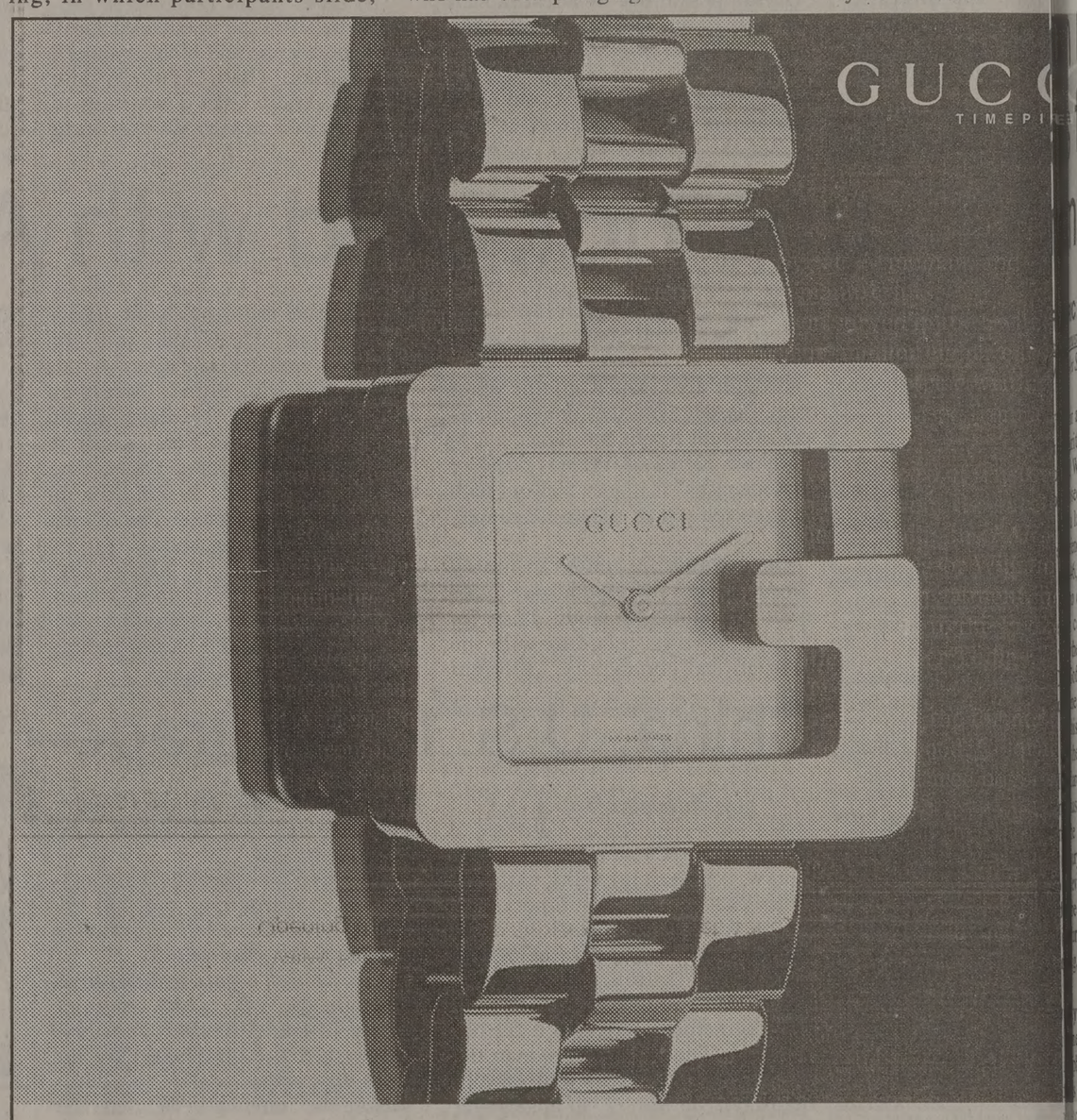
Passage zones, taking 38,316 acres, cover areas that already have dirt roads, transmission lines or utility rights of way. At most, signs and trailheads deemed necessary for public safety would be built, and some sanitation and primitive campsites may be made available.

Outback zones would take 537,662 acres or 29 percent of the monument. Here again, only trailheads, primitive campsites and toilets if they are deemed necessary would be built.

Most existing roads would remain open in the frontcountry, passage and outback zones. Parts of the monument will permit mountain biking, rock climbing, fishing and hunting.

The management plan says 16 existing wilderness study areas totaling 880,857 acres inside the monument will continue to be strictly managed as federal wilderness.

"We've done a cursory review and overall believe the plan tries to follow the mandate of the (presidential) proclamation by protecting resources instead of developing a monument for complete access," said Liz Thomas of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance.



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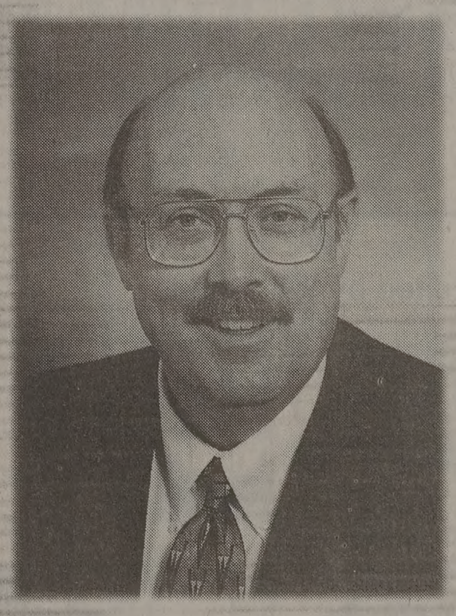

Dr. Daniel C. Peterson

BYU Professor of Islamic Studies and Arabic

A native of southern California, Daniel C. Peterson earned a bachelor's degree in Greek and philosophy at BYU and a PhD in Near Eastern languages and cultures from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Dr. Peterson has served for several years as a member of the Jerusalem Academic Coordinating Committee, which oversees academic programs at BYU's Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies. He is managing editor of BYU's Islamic Translation Series, which publishes dual-language editions of classical works of medieval Arabic and Persian philosophy. Professor Peterson is also director of the Center for the Preservation of Ancient Religious Texts, which has produced a computer-digitized version of the Dead Sea Scrolls and is now undertaking similar projects involving ancient Greek, Syriac, Armenian, and Christian Arabic manuscripts.

Brother Peterson served in the Switzerland Zurich Mission and, for eight years, on the Church's Gospel Doctrine writing committee. He was just released from a BYU campus bishopric.

He is chairman of the board of trustees for the Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies and edits the *FARMS Review of Books.* With Professor William J Hamblin of BYU's history department, he contributes a weekly column to the Provo *Daily Herald* entitled "Higher Things," dealing with world religions.

Dr. Peterson is married to the former Deborah Stephens of Lakewood, Colorado and they are the parents of three boys.

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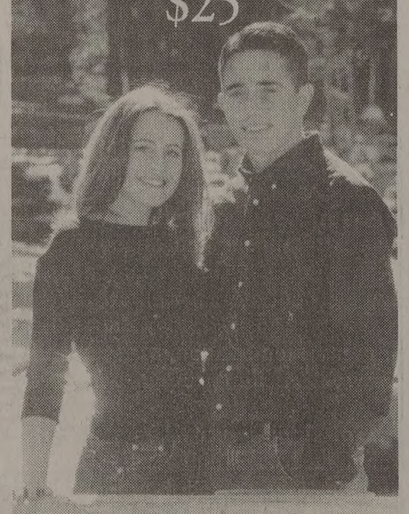

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